

## ABSTRACT

A power unit is described that combines an internal combustion engine and a lubrication system. The internal combustion engine includes a crankcase suction chamber and a transmission case suction chamber. At least one partition separates the crankcase suction chamber from the transmission case suction chamber. The lubrication system supplies lubricant to the internal combustion engine. The lubrication system includes a lubrication tank and a supply line for supplying lubricant to the internal combustion engine. At least one crankcase drainage line extends from the crankcase to drain a fluid from the crankcase suction chamber and transfer the fluid to the transmission case suction chamber. At least one pump operatively connects to one of either the crankcase chamber or the transmission case chamber. By the operation of the at least one pump, a negative pressure within at least one of the crankcase chamber and the transmission case chamber is created.